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END OF TRIBAL RULE IN NIGHT.

President's Message Certain to Cause Indian Legislation.

The manner in which the president in his message presented the conditions which exist in the Indian Territory, and his positive declaration that he did not believe there was any remedy for the situation except through the resumption by the government of the trusts which it had created, has made it certain that during the present session of congress there will be further legislation looking toward a complete dissolution of the tribal governments in the Indian Territory.

Congressman Curtis, of Kansas, the member of the House Indian affairs committee who gives most attention to the five tribes, has introduced a bill in the House which, while along the lines of the bill which he introduced in the last House, has been changed to meet the new conditions which have arisen. It is more drastic than the former measure, and would, if it was enacted into law, wipe out the Indian governments entirely, in brief, it provides that the Indians shall be compelled to take allotments of their lands in severalty, and that the Dawes commission shall be empowered to proceed at once to make these allotments. It also provides for the jurisdiction of the United States court over all cases arising in the territory, both civil and criminal. Mr. Curtis has been one of the best friends the Indians have had in congress, but he has now reached the conclusion that the complete breaking up of the tribal governments is the very best thing that can be done for the Indians.

Senator Pettigrew was selected to take in view of the president's recommendations for the Indian Territory.

"I was very much gratified over what the president had to say on that subject," said the senator. "He has simply put himself in line with congress. Undoubtedly the fact that he has spoken so plainly will make it much easier to get through congress the legislation necessary to relieve the deplorable conditions upon which he dwells. That legislation is, of course, bound to come. In the last congress a bill was passed and became a law providing that on and after January 1, 1898, the laws of the United States shall be extended over the territory of the five civilized tribes, and that the United States courts shall have jurisdiction over all crimes committed in the territory. It provides also that the enactments of the Indian legislatures must be approved by the president of the United States. But even this legislation does not go far enough.

"What must come is the allotment of all the Indian lands to the Indians in severalty. The right of congress to do all that it has done thus far is clear and indis-

putable, but when it comes to touching the title of the Indians to their lands some difficulty is likely to be encountered. The Indians threaten to take the matter into the courts. Then there is another serious obstacle in the way and that is a provision in the charter of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad that whenever the title of the Indians to their lands is extinguished that company will be entitled to every alternate section of land for ten miles on each side of its track, which is 300 miles long in the territory. The problem with which we will have to deal is how to bring about the allotments of the Indian lands without the extinguishment of their title. I intend to ask for the appointment of a subcommittee of the senate Indian affairs committee at once to take this whole matter under consideration. I am confident it will find a safe line on which we can proceed to bring about changes which conditions in the territory have made imperative."

Look up the Indian Problem.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the house committee on Indian affairs to-day, the senate resolution repealing the law extending the jurisdiction of the United States courts over the Cherokees and Chickasaws territory was up for consideration. The Indian appropriation bill of the fifty-fourth congress contained a provision that after January 1, 1898, the United States courts should have jurisdiction over all cases, civil and criminal, in the Indian Territory. At the last session, in view of the fact that the Cherokees and Chickasaws had entered into agreements with the Dawes commission, the senate passed a resolution that this provision should not apply to these nations.

When this resolution was called up by the house committee today a telegram was submitted from Tame Bixby, the acting chairman of the Dawes commission, and another from Judge J. R. Thomas, who is now holding court in the Cherokee nation, asking that action by the committee be postponed until they could be heard from. A similar request was made by the secretary of the interior. The telegrams from Mr. Bixby and Judge Thomas were so worded as to create the opinion that they were under the mistaken impression that the senate resolution rescinded the law for all of the five tribes. It was decided by the committee to grant the request for delay, and the committee adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

Before the discussion of the Indian problem began two subcommittees were appointed. Messrs. Sherman of New York, Curtis of Kansas and Lewis of Georgia were named as the subcommittee on the Indian appropriation bill, and Messrs. Custer, Fischer, Little, Stacy of Iowa, and Benton of Mis-

souri on Indian Territory matters. The condition of affairs in the Indian Territory formed the principal topic of consideration by the senate committee. Indian affairs at the meeting today, and a subcommittee, consisting of senators Pettigrew, Platt and Jones of Arkansas, was appointed to take up all the questions involved in the government of the territory. This committee was authorized to prepare a bill to meet the situation.

It now appears to be the programme of congress to ratify the agreements made by the Dawes commission with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, and at the same time attach to the ratification such legislation as will put the Cherokees, Seminoles and Creeks on the same footing as the Choctaw and Chickasaw agreements would place those tribes. Secretary Bliss has declared his opposition toward dealing with the Indian Territory problem by piecemeal, his conviction being that to do this would only complicate matters. At the same time it is regarded that good faith will demand the ratification of the agreements made with the Choctaws and Chickasaws. The Choctaws and Chickasaws have taken the position that the making of an agreement was necessary, as it was undoubtedly the settled policy of the government to open up the Indian Territory. It now congress should ratify their agreements without compelling the recalcitrant tribes to do what the Choctaws and Chickasaws have agreed to do, these tribes would be getting the worst of the bargain. It is not at all likely that Congress will permit this, and the chances are, therefore, that if the Choctaw and Chickasaw agreements are adopted, there will also be legislation to bring the objecting tribes into line with the government's policy.

At Stillwell, I. T., on Thursday of last week, a young man of the neighborhood got married, and a number of the boys celebrated the occasion by getting on a whiz, the groom among the number. They kept up the fun all day Friday in the town, and along in the afternoon one of the boys, after riding his horse on the porch in front of the store, finally dismounted and started to amuse the bystanders by shooting holes in the floor. The city marshal attempted to arrest him, and a general "scrimmage" ensued in which the marshal was knocked down and disarmed and one of the boys (said to have been the groom) chewed his nose nearly off. The marshal made no further efforts to keep order, but went to Stillwell on the first train and had writs issued for five of the boys on charge of disturbing the peace and dignity of the town of Stillwell. The names of those for whom warrants were asked were Billy Patterson, the newly made benedict, Leonard Patterson, Tom Bullington, Bob Danenburg and Tom Brewer.

THE FAVORITE Newspaper in the Indian Territory

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Clarence Douglas, the murderer of Editor Williams of the Ardmore Chronicle, has been released on bail. This will be pleasing news to the balance of the murderers and cutthroats in the Indian Territory, as well as a host of petty offenders such as train robbers, highwaymen, cattle thieves and whiskey peddlers. All they will have to do hereafter will be to lure their unsuspecting victims into the territory described by its motto and bounds as the southern judicial district of the Indian Territory and it will make no difference how many widows and fatherless children they have made, how many trains they have held up, or how many steers they have stolen; all they will have to do will be to go to jail, catch the druggie fever, get a physician to certify to it and they will be set free to continue their depredations at their own sweet pleasure, with a blank bond in one hand and a 45 in the other.—Capital.

The board of education will be in session at Tallahassee the 28th, 29th and 30th of this month for the purpose of paying teachers of the public schools. All teachers must be present to receive their salaries, otherwise the payment will be deferred till February.

Forty-five thousand dollars' worth of cancelled national certificates were destroyed by order of the national council last Monday.

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Beach & Bowers' minstrels tonight at Haisell's hall, over Jumbo store.

Peas and beans, regular 8c, this week 5c each at Gray's.

Gratitude is the greatest of virtues, and ingratitude the greatest of crimes. New holiday goods at "The Novelty."

Don't fail to see the best minstrel show on earth tonight, Haisell's hall. See those 8c buggy whips at "The Novelty?" Snaps.

If you miss Beach & Bowers' minstrels tonight you miss seeing a No. 1 show.

The untruthful are more easily insulted by being called a liar than those who always speak the truth.

It will take an artist to tell which particular one is the local page this week.

Take a look at the Japanese window at "The Novelty" this week.

Don't miss it; you may never see another as good. Beach & Bowers' minstrels tonight.

Novelties in china sets, tea sets, cracker jars and Japanese vases at novelty prices. "The Novelty."

Those dolls at Wright's would please a princess—or a little Vinita girl either.

Reserved seats on sale at Wimer's drug store for the famous minstrel tonight; 50 cents.

Mrs. Fortner & Bagby have a new operating table, constructed of metal and glass only.

Take your work to the Excelsior work first class; collars 2c, cuffs 4c per pair.

George Nidderer is feeding several car loads of steers in his pens in the north part of town.

Best of lands; see the parade of Beach & Bowers' minstrels today and see the show tonight.

The richest of Klondike finds is Beggs little giant pills. They cure not only constipation, sick headache and biliousness, but relieve all kinds of disorder. Take no substitutes. People's drug store.

M. H. Gardner has sold his interest in the Baxter Springs News to Chas. L. Smith and gone to Galena to open a job printing office.

It is easy to catch a cold and just as easy to get rid of it if you commence early to use one minute cough cure. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take, safe to use and sure to cure. P. Shanahan, 8 Geo. S. Doane has gone home to Maryland and the prevailing feeling is that Quappaw has lost a mighty poor Indian agent.

One bottle of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup will cure you, when perhaps all the physicians in the world could not three months from now; why not try a bottle? Price fifty cents. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. 41cc

The Jumbo store had two very attractive window exhibits last Saturday—one of them embracing in its make-up a pair of white rabbits.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's witch hazel salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. P. Shanahan.

J. H. Bailey killed a beef last week that was really too fat for some of his customers and one of them sent a roast back for that reason—even though part of the fat had been trimmed off.

Prosperity comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. DeWitt's little early risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles. P. Shanahan.

The Vinita Meat Store is an enterprising concern which is not afraid to employ printers' ink and preferred advertising position. They are making a success of their undertaking.

Miss Della Day, writing from Waterloo, Iowa, says: "My hair has been falling out for the past two years, and could get nothing to stop it until I tried Beggs hair renewer. One bottle stopped it completely. People's drug store."

The report from Guthrie is that Temple Houston is going to defend the Jennings boys when their trials come up. This is probably to make amends—to square himself as it were—for killing one of them last summer.

David Martin, on Big creek, died Saturday a week ago. He had been to Kansas City to undergo treatment for some disease but it was from Ft. Scott that parties were telegraphing to know what disposition to make of the body. It was forwarded to Coffeyville, the most accessible railroad point.

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